



**Circuit Court for** \_\_\_\_\_

City or County

**Case No.** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

VS. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

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***Plaintiff***

***Defendant***

**COMPLAINT FOR LIMITED DIVORCE**  
(DOM REL 21)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, representing myself, state that:  
My name

1. The Defendant and I were married on \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year  
in \_\_\_\_\_ in a ☐ civil ☐ religious ceremony.  
City/County/State where Married

2. *Check all that apply:*

☐ I have lived in Maryland since: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

☐ My spouse has lived in Maryland since: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

3. *Check all that apply: (See paragraph 13)*

☐ The grounds for divorce occurred in the State of Maryland.

☐ The grounds for divorce occurred outside the State of Maryland and I or my spouse have been a resident for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the filing of this Complaint.

4. *Check one:*

☐ We have no children together (skip paragraphs 5 and 6) or

☐ My spouse and I are the parents of the following child(ren):

_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth

5. I know of the following related cases concerning the child(ren) or parties (such as domestic violence, paternity, divorce, custody, visitation, termination of parental rights, adoption or other cases):

**Court      Case No.      Kind of Case      Year Filed      Results or Status (if you know)**

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

6. I have been a party, witness, or otherwise involved in the following cases about custody or visitation of the child(ren):

State                      Court                      Case No.                      Date of Child Custody Determination

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Attach the most recent court order for the above-referenced court cases.

7. I know of the following people, not parties to this case, who have physical custody of, or claim rights of legal custody or physical custody of, or visitation with the child(ren):

_____ Name	_____ Current Address
_____ Name	_____ Current Address
_____ Name	_____ Current Address

8. The child(ren) are currently living with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

9. The child(ren) have lived in the following places, with the persons indicated during the last five years:

Time Period                      Place                      Name(s)/Current Address of Person(s) with whom Child Lived

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

10. It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that I have (*check all that apply*):

☐ joint ☐ sole physical custody of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Children

☐ joint ☐ sole legal custody of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Children

☐ visitation with \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Children

11. I ☐ am ☐ am not seeking alimony because \_\_\_\_\_.

12. (*You do not have to complete paragraph 12 if you are not asking the court to make decisions about your property*). My spouse and/or I have the following property (*check all that apply*):

<input type="checkbox"/> Motor vehicle(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank account(s) and investment(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Use Personal Property
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

13. My grounds for limited divorce are (*check all that apply*):

☐ **Cruelty/Excessively Vicious Conduct Against Me** - My spouse has persistently treated me cruelly and has engaged in excessively vicious conduct rendering continuation of the marital relationship impossible if I am to preserve my health, safety, and self-respect.

☐ **Cruelty/Excessively Vicious Conduct Against My Children** - My spouse has persistently treated my minor child(ren) cruelly and has engaged in excessively vicious conduct against them rendering continuation of the marital relationship impossible if I am to preserve my minor child(ren)'s health, safety, and self-respect.

- ☐ **Actual Desertion** - On or about \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse, without just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted me, with the intention of ending our marriage. This abandonment has continued without interruption up to and including the time of filing of this complaint.
- ☐ **Constructive Desertion** - My spouse's actions have terminated the husband and wife relationship and made it impossible for me to continue the marriage and preserve my health, safety, or self-respect, and since these actions occurred, I have not had sexual intercourse with my spouse.
- ☐ **Voluntary Separation** - From on or about \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse and I by mutual and voluntary agreement have lived separate and apart from one another in separate residences, without interruption, without sexual intercourse, with the express purpose and intent of ending our marriage, and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.

**FOR THESE REASONS**, I request (*check all that apply*):

- ☒ A Limited Divorce.
- ☐ Joint ☐ Sole physical custody of the minor child(ren) and reasonable child support.
- ☐ Joint ☐ Sole legal custody of the minor child(ren) and reasonable child support.
- ☐ Visitation with the minor child(ren).
- ☐ Child support (attach Form DOM REL 30 or DOM REL 31).
- ☐ Health insurance for the child(ren).
- ☐ Health insurance for me.
- ☐ Use and possession of the family home for up to three years from the date of the limited divorce.
- ☐ Use and possession of the family use personal property for up to three years from the date of the limited divorce.
- ☐ Transfer of family use personal property.
- ☐ Alimony (attach Form DOM REL 31).
- ☐ Resolution of personal property issues.
- ☒ Any other appropriate relief.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury, that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature